

13. (Amended) A method of making the aircraft deicer panel of claim 1, said method comprising the steps of:

stitching the electrically conductive strand into the heater layer in the heating-dissipating pattern;

(b) joining the heater layer to the inner support layer and the outer cover layer; and securing a bondside surface of the inner support layer to a surface of an aircraft.

### REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1 and 13 have been amended to remove objections raised by the Examiner in his final rejection. Entry of these amendments is believed to be appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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